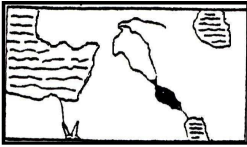


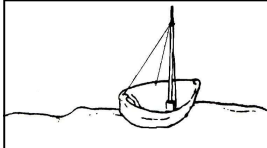
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- Mesopotamia valley between rivers and Greek
- Weather much the same as today (hot, cold, winter below 0 degrees C)

2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources (timber, stone, minerals)
- Fertile land for crops.
- Half of the produce was donated to the temple and land owner.

3. Religion and Philosophy



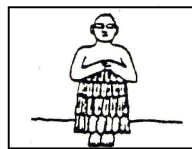
- Worshiped 300 deities
- Believed each city-state was founded by a specific deity
- Built pyramid like temples called ziggurats to worship deities

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Girls didn't go to school, only sons of wealthy families
- Students studied arithmetic, reading, writing, and religious studies
- Priests knowledge about medicine, engineering, science, and know what deities wanted.

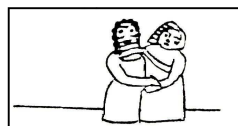
5. Political Science



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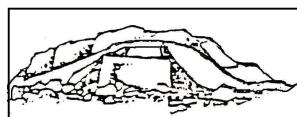
- Settled into city-states (own rules and government)
- Uruk most powerful city-state
- Strong city-states conquered and controlled weaker governments

6. Sociology



- Men could pay off debt by selling or hiring wife, children or slaves
- Anyone could be a slave due to bad luck, debt, being captured in war
- Parents gave dowry (money/goods) to daughter to use as wished.

7. History



- Referred to as "cradle of civilization"
- First known as civilizations found here
- Country followed a pattern of settlement and conquest
- 1st leaders were priests
- When ruler dies, replaced with relative